

The damages to which this article refers shall be those which are caused to a passenger by the action of the aircraft while entering or leaving the aircraft and which, because of the transportation, are caused to a passenger on the aircraft prior to his leaving it at the termination of the trip agreed upon in the carriage contract or which are caused by a forced or accidental landing.

The amount of compensation shall be the following:

- a) For death or total permanent disability, twenty thousand bolivares (B*20,000).
- b) For partial permanent disability up to ten thousand bolivares (B*10,000).
- c) For partial temporary disability, up to five thousand bolivares (B*5,000).
- d) For destruction of or damage to hand baggage, up to one hundred bolivares (B*100).

Article 47. Public air carriers shall be liable for damages caused by loss, damage, or delay in the delivery of the cargo or checked luggage.

The amounts of compensation shall be the following:

- a) For loss of, or damage to cargo, up to twenty bolivares (B*20,000) per kilogram of gross weight.
- b) For delay in the delivery of the cargo, up to an amount equal to the transportation cost.
- c) For loss of, or damage to checked luggage, up to five hundred bolivares (B*500,00) per piece.

If the cargo or checked luggage is carried under a declared value, the limit of liability shall be such value.

Article 48. The owners or operators of civil aircraft shall be liable for any damage which, by reason of the operation of an aircraft or as a consequence of objects falling or thrown therefrom, are caused to persons or property on the ground.

Operation of aircraft shall be deemed to mean any movement carried out by the aircraft by means of its own propulsion machinery.

The compensation for such damages shall be in proportion thereto, but it shall not exceed the following limits:

- a) Aircraft up to 5,000 kilograms of gross weight, sixty thousand bolivares (B*60,000).
- b) Aircraft up to 20,000 kilograms of gross weight, two hundred thousand bolivares (B*200,000).
- c) Aircraft up to 40,000 kilograms of gross weight, three hundred thousand bolivares (B*300,000).
- d) Aircraft over 40,000 kilograms of gross weight, six hundred thousand bolivares (B*600,000).

When damage is caused both to persons and property, the amount of compensation to persons shall not exceed two-third of the total compensation awarded.

When there is damage to more than one, the compensation shall be distributed in proportion to the extent of damages suffered by each person.

Article 49. Carriers may agree on liability up to thirty thousand bolivares (B*30,000) for death or permanent total disability and up to fifteen thousand bolivares (B*15,000) for injury to a person.

Article 50. Carriers shall not limit their liability for damages caused to passengers or to their hand baggage when it is proved that the